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SUBJECT: SUBJECT FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

REF: (A) STATE 221406, (B) STATE 221443

1. HIBBERT INFORMED CHARGE THAT SEPT 11 FOUR-POWER MEETING IN LONDON IS ACCEPTABLE TO BRITISH IN PRINCIPLE. AS OF NOW, ONLY OBSTACLE TO COMPLETE UK AGREEMENT IS PREVIOUSLY-ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH GREEK POLITICAL DIRECTOR TZOUNIS WHICH HIBBERT IS ATTEMPTING TO RE-SCHEDULE. GERMANS AND FRENCH WILL AGREE TO SEPT 11 DATE.

2. HIBBERT ALSO OBSERVED CANADIANS HAD APPROACHED HMG
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ON BEHALF OF FIVE-POWER MEETING IN NEW YORK SEPT 18. BRITISH TOLD CANADIANS THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH A MEETING BUT WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE POSITION OF "OTHERS".

3. COMMENT: CLEARLY UK DOES NOT WISH TO BE THE ONE TO SAY NO TO THE CANADIANS, WILL RIDE OUT ANY AWKWARDNESS

ARISING FROM THE PROXIMITY OF FOUR AND FIVE-POWER TALKS
ON CYPRUS, AND MEASURE STRENGTH OF POSSIBLE GERMAN AND
FRENCH OPPOSITION TO CANADIAN PARTICIPATION BEFORE
TAKING MORE DEFINITE STAND.

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